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No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

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HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, eiodt iri koskliktech (sä**by**ech)

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the Novelty Iron Works, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY. Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

NOTICE.

TAR CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLE Firm on the 1st July, 1877. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COM-MISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. of a Target to NOTICE,

THE Business of SHARR and GENE- Scale, his Chief Officer Mr J. Ward, and in my name, will now be carried on under stairs, during the voyage of the vessel from the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr Singapore to Hongkong particularly for ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON the good-heartedness they showed in yield. having This Day become a PARTNER ing to our wishes in having preserved the

CHAS. C. COHEN. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

T HAVE This Day admitted Mr WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business. which will honceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE. W. KERFOOT HUGHES.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. NOTICE.

R. JAMES AYTON MANN is autho- to his officers, especially Chief Officer J. rized to Sign our Firm by Procura- Ward and Dr. Caratairs. GEPP & Co.

Canton, Norshiber 1, 1077.

Intimations.

G FALCONER & Co, WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS DRESSING CASES. AND BOOKS, 46. Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877. NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS. Queen's Road East,

HONGRONG. September 15, 1877.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

OLYPHANT & Co. General Agents. Hongkong, December 12, 1877. HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager. Hongkong, December 1, 1877.



C'EALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned until Noon on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, for the Construction of a COOK HOUSE, at the ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL.

Plans and Specification may be seen on Application. JOHN BREMNER,

Naval Storekeeper. H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, December 15, 1877.

THE LAOU-TI-KU HAIR WASH.

THIS Hair Wash has been prepared by us for the last 15 years. Its sale is steadily increasing in India, the Straits, and Japan. It possesses all the qualities of a Hair Oll or Pomade without their Sticki ness. It induces a healthy action of the scalp and nourishes the Hair. Dandruff never appears whilst it is in use. It contains none but the best ingredients and the greatest care is taken in the compounding When the Hair falls off after fever or an other sickness this Wash will surely prove of the greatest value. From its, great nourishing powers on the follioles it may in time cause Hair to return to its natural color; it however, does not contain a particle of any dyeing ingredient. Using it constantly will most certainly prevent the Hair falling. It is cleanly in use, the smallest quantity sufficing. It has no sediment therefore requires no shaking.

Prepared only by ... J. LLEWELLYN & Co... Operative Chemists, Shanghai; And sold by Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. THE HONGKONG HOTEL. jelo TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the pre sent Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the Sist March was admitted a PARTNER in our 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply

> By Order of the Directors. LOUIS HAUSCH LD. Scoretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

any information required.

A LAUDATORY NOTICE.

TATE, the Chinese Passengers by the teamer Menelaus, Capt. R. F. Scale, beg to signify our sense of gratitude publicly for the great kindness with which were treated on board by Captain BAL BROKER, hitherto conducted the Medical Officer of the ship, Dr. Carbody of an unfortunate female passenger who happened to die on board on the 10th inst. when the vessel was some distance from Hongkong. According to body would have been thrown overboard. board, numbering 452, as well as the three Chinese cooks on board, joined to beg the is1 naturedly complied with our wish. We

> Chinese Passengers. Hongkong, Docember 14, 1877, de21 1711)

Flag to Capt. Scale, and our sincere thanks

INVITE ATTENTION TO THEIR DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

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FRENCH PLUMS DRAGEES CHRISTMAS BISCUITS. FIGS direct from Swyrma. FRENCH BUTTER. A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTOH WHISKEY

CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY and I is healing the house of

EVER IMPORTED. SACCONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices. PURE PORT. LIQUEURS

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

Intimations.

IN THE GOODS OF SMITH FERRIES. JAMES Deceased.

TOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES. late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA who died at Sea on Board the sald Vessel on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to John Fairbairn, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said John FAIREAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the sald John Fairbairn will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said James SMITH FERRIES smongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said John FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will, not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the

time of the distribution. Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877. WM. H. BRERETON,

Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

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DENTAL NOTICE. R. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hougkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE

FAR. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, Hotel Del'Univers, Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

TOWONG HING CHEUNG & Co. COAL MERCHANTS. Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr Anyon has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57. Prays, or to Mr Fat Jack, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-

Hougkong, March 19, 1877.

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TAESIRING to benefit by the worldwide reputation of our Oil, certain the sanitary rules of navigation, the parties have attempted to imitate our packbut the reverence for the dead is so eges. Still at law have been instituted great with us that all the passengers on against the mannes and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful Captain and his Officers to spare that of to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILthe unfortunate woman, and they good- LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the therefore, as a mark of our sense of grati- words "DEVOE M'FG CO, PATENTS" tude, have presented a Complimentary are stemped on the top of the can.

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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUB STOVES.

THENDERS and FIRE IRONS. BLANKETS. FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb to 2.500:1b. older a contact more than BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR PETS various patterns. VELVET and TAPESTRY SOF DARPETS and RUGSzayan period DOOR MATS. Someon delication del

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Fresh APPLES, and LEMONS. SALMON BELLIES, in Kits. MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS Family PIG, PORK, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each. CAVIARY SARDELLES, and Spiced Prime American BACON and HAMS Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorte GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL BYE MEAL, &c., &c.

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BARGLAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins. GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts. BASS' PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and Saunders, in Pints and Quarts.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

COAL.

IDEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM OOAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1877. NOW READY.

CHINESE DIOTIONARY IN THE A CANTONESE DIALECT. Part L. A to K, with Introduction, Royal Svo., pp. 202.—By ERREST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen,

Price: Two Dollars and a Halv. To be had from Messes Lans, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai, and Messre Kelly & Walsh; Shanghal. Hongkong, February 3, 1877.

> FOR SALE. SHARER CLATOR.

THE Desirable PROPERTY kwown Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN. For particulars, spply to

G. M. SMITH, October 15, 1877.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

TANE, CRAWFORD & Co. received instructions to sell Public Auction, (unless previously dis posed of by Private Sale), on

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, a their Sale Room, Praya Central,— The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected

thereon. First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section A of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Olose Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, —together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased

by D. RUTTUNJEE, Esq. Second .- All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poke-fo-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on Closes Registered in the Land Office as Superior California LAMBSWOOL Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 221 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is quick despatch. \$53.40.

And, All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND. situated in the Poke-fo-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 32 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the afore-

said Lots. TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers. FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, Sydney & Melbourne.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NURMANBY" will be despatched as above on or about the Blat Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, December 5, 1677.

MONTHLY LINE. THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVI-GATION COMPANY.

and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND Ports. The Company's Chartered

Steamer JOHN C. JAQUES, Commander. will load for the above Ports, and be despatched on or about December 26th, 1877. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Bailing Vessels. FOR DUNEDIN (N. Z.) The A 1 German Bartine "MARIE,"

Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

Capt. Burnetster, will lost bere for the above Port, and nere for the above ror have a dulck despatch. For Proight or Passage, apply to

Hosekops, November 14, 1877.

Shipping.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barque "MORRO CASTLE," JENETT, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo, engaged, will load at this Port as above

and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to by a OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 French Barque ANGELE? Captain BARBEYRON, will take

Freight at moderate rates, and have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT.) The A 1 Brit. Clipper Bark "KATE CARNIE." JAMES WILSON, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo

engaged, will have immediate despatch as For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1877. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 Clipper Barque RICHARDSON, Master, will have "GOLDEN RUSSETT,"

quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, November 23, 1877. FOR MANILA. The Spanish Schooner.
"UNION,"
MERICAECHAVARIA, Master, will

have quick despatch as above. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The Brit. 3-m. Schooner "SEA BELLE," Captain Ross, will load here for

the above Ports, and will have For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE & Co.

Hongkong, November 27, 1877. FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Barkentine "SAMOS." C. H. BRYANT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark

"T. A. GODDARD." A. F. SMITH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch. For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 20, 1877. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Taking Tea and other Cargo at through rates and under through Bills of Lading for Chicago, New York and all Eastern Places. The British Ship SHREWSBURY, Master, will be

10th January proximo. Rate of Freight to San Francisco, \$2,50 Through Rate, \$2 and Eastern Rates. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1877. FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON. The A 1 British Ship

"ONBIDA," S. CLYMA, Master, having 8/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

riongroug, November 27, 1877.

The 41 American Ship "COLORADO." Industrati, Master vill load here for the above Port, and For Cooktown and Sydney, taking Cargo will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, November 8, 1877. FOR HONOLULU. STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and The 41 American Ship

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 3, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Ship The A 1 British Chip

"ISLES OF THE SOUTH,"

DENNITT, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will have
quick despatch.

For Fright, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Oc.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877,

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Moither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their slay in Hongkong Harbour:-

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wieler & Co. CILURNUM, British ship, Captain E.

Shrewabury.—Wieler & Co. COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE CARNIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson, -Melchers & Co. BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.

- CHARTER OAR, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schweer. -- Melchers & Co.

PARACCA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co. ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIRKER, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order. JURGEN, German barque, Capt. W.

Winds.—Siemssen & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MALACOA" will leave for the above place at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, Table, &c., &c. 18th Instant. ADAM LIND,

Superintendent. Hongkong, December 17, 1877.

STEAM TO SHANGHAL The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "GEELONG" will leave for the above place at Noon on TUESDAY, 18th Instant.

ADAM LIND. Superintendent. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

FOR SHANGHAL & YOKOHAMA. The Departure of the S. S. is unavoidably POST PONED until Noon TO MORROW, instead of as previously noti-

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. State of Alabama. Hongkong, December 17, 1877.

FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship "GLENGYLE," Capt. QUARTLEY, will leave for the above Port at Noon, TO MORROW, the 18th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents, S. S. Glenaule. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW

The Steamship "TAIWAN" will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glengyle having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agenta, S.S. Glengule. Hongkong, December 17, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. GEELONG. ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from Bombay and

Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers MALWA from London, and POONAH from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date. Goods not delivered by the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, **Euperintendent**. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. **OHRISTMAS**

MRISTMAS CARES, made to order by Honghong & China Bakery Co. Special Agents LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Honekong, December 17, 1877. daBl

FOR SALE, THRY FINE and Full AUSTRALIAN

PUBLIC AUCTION. APANESE CURIOS.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will will by Public Auction, in their Sales Room, Prays, on

THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 2 p.m.,--A Very Choice Collection of Rare and Old JAPANESE CURIOS, consisting of Old Satsuma, Kutani, Hiren, Owari

and Tokio Ware. A few rare Old Bronzes, and Carved General, -P. & O. S. N. Co. Ivories.

. A few Choice Specimens of Old and Superior Lacquer Ware, (On view from Noon on WEDNESDAY). The attention of Connoisseurs is invited. Amor 16, Ganeral. -Buttentiate & Hongkons, December 17, 1877. d20 Swizz,

To-day's Advertisements.

FURNITURE SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed by H. KINGSMILL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, "As You Like It," Albany Hill Road, on

THURSDAY,

the 27th December, 1877, at Noon,-The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (chiefly London-made), and other Effects. The Drawing-room Furniture, Consists chiefly of Superior Carved and Polished Walnut Tables, Couch, and Lounging Chairs, also Cane and Wicker Chairs, Chintz Curtains and Fittings, Brussels Carpet, a Collard and Col- Hongkong, Mr Hunt, and 10 Chinese. For lard Plane, and a Four-Burner Hanging Shanghai, Mrs Byrne and family and Lamp, by Osler.

The Dining-room contains a wellseasoned, Hand-polished Mahogany telescope Table, with Spare Leaves; a full Set of Solid Mahogany Dinner Chairs, Covered with Morocco, a Mahogany Sideboard with Carved Back and Marble Top, Electroplated Ware, Glass Ware, Crockery, &c., &c.

The Bedrooms contain Brass and Iron Bedsteads, with Hair Mattress, Chintz Hangings, &c., a Complete Set of Polished Solid Birch Furniture, well-seasoned, comprising Wardrobes, Toilet Table, Marble-Topped Washstand and Service, Chests of Drawers, Birch-Framed Toilet Glasses and Stands, Chairs, Round

A Choice Selection of Japanese Conifer Shrubs, Standard Rose Bushes, English and Japanese Lilies, English Flowering Plants, &c., &c., will also be

On view from 12 o'clock on WEDNES DAY, the 26th.

TERMS OF SALE,—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7. 1. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877.

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days :--

German bark Coquette, 281, hence to Saigon, \$450 in full. German bark Mikado, 830, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,400 in full, 20 lay

Italian bark Bianca Pertica, 666, hence to Touron, \$1,400 in full, 80 lay days. German bark C. R. Bishop, 898, Manila to London or Liverpool, or to New York,

British ship Hawkesbury, 1175, Manila to New York, private. British bark Paracca, 464, Manila to

London or Liverpool, private. British steamer Marcia, 1060, hence to Saigon and back, \$6,100 in full, 15 lay German steamer Cassandra, hence to

German steamer Atalanta, 782, hence to Saigon, 6 voyages, 221 cents per picul. German steamer Altona, hence to Saigon

and back, 6 voyages, 231 cents per picul. charter, 4 or 6 months, private. French bark St. Adresse, 622, hence to San Francisco and back via Puget Sound,

Danish ship Doris Brodersen, 547, cleared for Rangoon under orders from Home. British bark Mangerton, 330, hence to

Quinhon and back, 20 cents per picul, 35 British brig Victory, 255, hence to Bang-

kok, \$820 in full. American bark Wealthy Pendleton, 810, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.20 per ton of 20

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 16. Strathairly, British steamer Cassap, Swatow Dec. 14, General.-GIBB, LIVINGETON & Co.

Dec. 16, Glengyle, British steamer, 1266, Quartly, London Nov. 28, via Ports of Call and Singapore Dec. 9, General. -JARDINE, For MANILA. MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 16, Sin Nanzing, British steamer, 714, Drage, Shanghai Dec. 13, General.-

Jardine, Matheson & Co. Dec. 16, Bellona, German steamer, 789, Ahrens, Saigon D.o. 11, General.-WM.

Pustau & Co. Dec. 16, Howsang, Chinese steamer, 795. Lamont, Shanghai Dec. 18, General.-C. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 16, Holyrood, British steamer, 883 Peters, Halphong Dec. 18, General.-RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 16, Geslong, British steamer, 1128, C. Fraser, Bombay Nov. 27, Galle Dec. 2, Penang 7, and Singapore 10, Mails and General.-P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 17, Brisbane, British barque, 804, Hudleston, Haiphong Dec. 9, Rice. RUSSELL & Co.

Bec. 17, Cuba, British barque, 320, Stabell, Keeling Dec. 18, Coal, MEYER

Dec. 17, Humboldt, German barque, 830, SCHELLEASS & Co.

Dec. 17, Peri, German brig, 276, Lühre, Keelung Dec. 11, Coal .- EDVARD SCHELL-HARS & Co. Dec. 17, Helene, German barque, 872,

T. A. Volquardsen, Chatoo Dec. 7, General. -Witten & Co. Dec. 17, China, German steamer, 848, Atkermann, Shanghai Dec. 18, General. Stemsen & Co.

Dec. 17, Peny-chou hat, Chinese gunbont, from a cruise. Dec. 17, Thibet, British etcumer, 1672, J. H. Torbook, Shanghai Dec. 14. Mails and

Dec. 17, Cosmod, French man-of-war, Dumas-Venis, Singapore Dec. 7. Dec. 17. Sarpedon, British steamer, 1692, Rae, Shanghai Dec. 7, Foodhow 9, and

DEPARTURES Dec. 16, Sin Nansing, for Canton. 16, Howsang, for Canton. Iraquaddy, for Shanghal. 16. Firth of Tay, for Singapore. 16. Victory, for Bangkok. 17, Norna, for Swatow.

17. Emuy for Mania.
17. Marcia, for Salgon.
17. Peng-chou hat for a ornise.
17. China, for Canton. State of Alabama, for Shanghal. Mikado, for Batavia

Strathairly, for Whampoa. PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Glengyle, from London, do.:-For

nurse, and Mr Scott. Per Geelong, for Shanghai: from Venice, Dr. and Mrs McFeod. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Messre T. Obata, Mochinoki, Nakamigawa, and Naberhima; from Brindisi, Mr Athold. For Hong. kong : from Galle, Mr Fairhurst : from Southampton, Mr Macintyre; from Singapore, Mr Geo. Oyazabel, and 36 Chinese. Per Thibet, from Shanghal, Messes Leeds, Pickman, Curtis, Wills and Horskins, Mrs

Winters, and 22 Chinese. Per Sarpedon, from Shanghai, &c.: for Hongkong, Captain Middleton, Messrs Forbes, Lubes, Johnson, Lukes, Ivy Hulse, and Rev. John Paul: for London Royd. Mr Dukes and Mr Allen, and 220 Chinese for Straits.

Per Strathairly, from Swatow, 80 Chinese. Per Bellona, from Saigon, 1 European, and 140 Chinese. Per Howsang, from Shanghai, 70 Chinese.

Per Holyrood, from Haiphong, 6 Chinese. Per China, from Shanghai, 3 European deck, and 26 Chinese. DEPARTED.

Per Iraquaddy, for Shanghai, Miss Lily Lamb. Mesars Tiefenbucher, John Kennie, and Brown; from Marssilles, Mesers Rac and Pousset ; from Singapore, Mrs Sens Felmont; from Salgon, Mr and Mrs Per Emuy, for Manila, Mr A. Gargollo,

and 178 Ohlness. Per Norma, for Swatow, 198 Chinese. Per Marcia, for Salgon, 311 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British barque Cuba reports: Light variable winds and thick weather throughout the passage.
The German barque Humboldt reports

Moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout The German brig Peri reports: Light variable winds and thick weather through-

out the passage. . The German barque Helene reports: Moderate monkoon and cloudy weather throughout the passage. The German steamer China reports: N. W. winds and rainy weather to Chelang

Point, from thence variable winds and thick to arrival The British steamer Sarpedon reports : Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Moderate monsoon and hazy weather

throughout the passage. The British steamer Geelong reports Salgon and back, 6 voyages, 241 cents per | Experienced light N.E. to Easterly breazes and fine weather; latter part variable winds from S.E. to S.W. with light rain.

The British barque Brisbane reports: First 14 hours fresh N.E. winds, since then light South to S.E. winds and clear British steamer Marcia, 1,060, monthly weather to arrival. Vessels in Haiphong British schooner Uzsiah, British barque Northern Star, German brig Tartar, French brig Dauphine, French barque Charité, and a German brig name unknown.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Belgic, sailed 10th December, 1877 :- For Yokohama, 3,106 baga Sugar, 100 bags Flour, 15 casks Iron Wire, 81 cases Castor Oil, and 464 pkgs. Merchandise. For San Francisco, 685 bags Sugar 29,536 bags Rice, 882 bags Beans, 26 cases Black Pepper, 500 bags Coffee, 847 pkgs. Tes. 1,177 Empty Quicksilver Blasks, 2 boxes Prepared Ophim, 10 boxes Crude Opium, 4 pkgs. Silks, and 4,113 pkgs. Merchandise. For Chicago, 391 half-chests Tea. For New York, 21 pkgs, Merchandise, 20 pkgs, Fans, and 40 bales Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS will close:-

Per Barque EVENING STAR, at 9.30 a.m. To morrow, the 18th inst.

For YOKOHAMA Per MALACOA, at 9.80 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For SHANGHAL-Per GEBLONG, at 11 s.m. To-morrow the 18th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30, with 18 cents late fee.

Per GEENGYLE, at 11.30 a.m. Tomorrow, the 18th lust For SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.-Per ST ITE OF ALBBAM 4. at 11.80

a m. To-morrow, the 18th inst. instead of as previously notified. For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS & LON

Per SARPEDON, at 3.80 p.m. morrow, the 18th tost, For SWATOW, AMOY & FOODHOW.-Per TAIWAN, at 5 p.m. To-morrow the 18th inst., instead of as pre-

v ously notified. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de24 Stoll, Chefoo Dec. 5, General Edvand For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO. on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified. For HAIPHONG.

day, the 24th lost, For SWATOW .-

till further notice.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORBOW. Shipping.

10 a.m .- Malacod leaves for Yokohama. Nooth. - Geelong leaves for Shanghai. Moon - State of Alabama leaves 101 Shanghal, do.

Noon, - Glongyle leaves for Shanghai. 8 p.m. Maritie of Visiofia Lindas,

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 19:-Daylight. - Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports. THURSDAY, December 20:-

Noon. English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Noon. Tenders for the Construction of a Cook House will be received by the Naval Storekeeper. Goods per Iraquaddy undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing

2 p.m. Sale of Japanese Curlos, at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Prays. Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ld., closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.

1 p.m.—Regatta commences. SATURDAY, December 22:-Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. Goods per State of Alabama undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 21 :--

Monday, December 24:-Goods per Glengyle undelivered after this date subject to rent. Goods per Geelong undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WHONESDAY, December 26:-Ocean leaves for Cooktown, &c., on or about this date. THURSDAY, December 27:-

Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr H. Kingsmill's residence, "As You Like It."

MONDAY, December 31:-Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings. at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Normanby leaves for Singapore, &c., on

or about this date. FRIDAY, January 4:-\$ p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

PUESDAY, January 15:— Claims against the Estate of James Smit Ferries, deceased, must be proved or or before this date.

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DEATHS.

BIRTH At Foochow, on Nov. 30, the Wife H. G. ROBERTSON, of a Son.

square, Hackney, after a long and painful illness, Thomas Hemsley, late of Foochow, China, only son of the late Thomas Chapman, of London, aged 46. On the 6th Nov., at 48, St. George's. square, after a short illness, May, daughter of A. R. Campbell Johnston, formerly of Hongkong, aged nine years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 17, 1877.

In the Hongkong Government Gazette of the 15th December appears the following :-

"GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION .- All Petitions and Letters on Government business must be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Public Offices.-By Command, J. GARDINER AUSTIN, Ocionial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th December, 1877,1

variably precented through the Colonial the means for continuing the war. (Intending)) proof between the petiton addaptdeted oftadely

istration. About eight or ten years ago. Minister at Peking:-Sir Richard MacDonnell issued an order natural channel of the Registrar General | Chinese fugitives. or Protector of Chinese; and this can easily be accounted for. The Registrar General's department was organised with the special purpose of standing between the native community and the Government, and of providing facilities for bringing the two together; and when we is to be severely punished according to law consider that the Chinese petition, with its red paper and blue cover, is the favourite form in which the natives their grievances and make known their department, will readily be acknowledged. Let us suppose that an average of half a dozen petitions a-day find their way to the Registrar General, and that one of these at least is so utterly nonsensical or probably impertinent in a double sense. grants are free agents or not, they must go The latter is consigned to the wastebasket; while the five reasonable documents are translated, put in proper shape, and forwarded to the Governor, and an intelligible answer is obtained by a sensible and rational mode of procedure. If this all-important duty transferred to the Public Offices-or, more likely, to His Excellency's private bureau-what will be the result? Certainly half of the staff of the Queen's Road Department might be transferred to that which sagely rules over the Public Offices: a special translator will have to be employed to perform the duty for which Mr O. C. Smith has taken over a dozen years to fit himself; and the superincumbent weight of work will be the means of causing confusion and general dissatisfaction. We sincerely sympathise with Mr Austin, who. command," thus assists in the obsequies on the representation of the Chinese authoof a department the invaluable services of which have been recognised by al who have been and are desirous to bring

notice is, we think, a mistake and calculated to retard rather than further the interests of good government. THE announcement that Servia has declared war against Turkey is one that will not redound greatly to the credit of wretched little principality. long as fortune had forsaken the Russians, and there seemed a chance that the Turks would be able to hold their own against Russian aggrandisement, we heard of assurances of peace passed to the representative of the Turkish Government at Belgrade, but, no sooner does the cause of the Turks assume a hopeless appearance, than almost the next item On the 1st Nov., at 16, St. Thomas's- of news is a declaration of war by Servia. The object of this step is no doubt to secure a greater consideration for the principality at the conference of Great Powers, which must, in some shape or other, precede or follow the conclusion of this struggle. When Servia a short time ago lay at the feet of Turkey, the Ottoman Government was induced by other Powers to treat the rebellious country with considerable generosity. Servia was, for instance, allowed to retain the arms and military organisations which she is now, within a very brief period, again turning against her conqueror. Had Austria been desirous doing so, these facts of the past would unquestionably have afforded her a very ample excuse for preventing Servia again taking up arms against Russia; and the

those by whom they are governed.

course, it is just open to Mr Hennessy

to say that the notice we have ventured

to criticize does not bear any construc-

tion such as that suggested. It may be

so: we live in strange times: and

shall be glad if it does not. But

same remarks will apply with equal force to England. This formal and prosaio statement If the Bervians enter upon active enough will probably attract but little operations at all, they will probably notice by the few persons who glance either merely assist the Roumanians in over the pages of the official organ, and the siege of Widin, or march an army it is only when we endeavour to puzzle via Nissa upon the western Balkans. out the meaning of it, that its importance | With the hundred thousand men released begins to appear. It cannot surely mean | from the investment of Plevns, the Rusthat subordinate officials, when they sians can now hardly want troops in quarrel with the head of their depart- Bulgaria, and therefore it is likely the ment, is to address the Colonial Secretary | Servians will be merely employed in the this provision is to be carried out as soon as at the Public Offices direct, for that would, investment of Widin. The statement if we mistake not, be directly in the face that a circular despatch has been issued as to such emigrants' claim shall be first of the Colonial Office rules. The brief from the Sublime Porte intimating that and somewhat vaguely-worded order, Turkey is willing to accept the media- and if the claim to such relationship is subtherefore, must be interpreted as apply. Ition of the European Powers, certainly ing to unofficial residents only, and not does not look as if the Turks feel very to officials, although the notification sanguine of their ability to successfully emigrants, or widows and friendless women, might bear sither construction. On a ber the Russian advance through the careful consideration of what kind of Balkans. The passes through those petitions are simed at, it is forcibly mountains may not be so defensible as brought to our trinds that all foreign they are regarded, or it may be that documents of that description are in- Turkey finds herself absolutely without

Per Barque ELISE, at 9 a.m., on Mon- Secretariat. So that it becomes clear From Ania the news is by no means that one at least of the interpretations cheering for the Turks. Judging from which may be fairly given of the notifica- the intelligence in the last mail papers Per WEST STANLEY, is postponed tion is that it sime a direct blow at the to hand, there seems to be no doubt that Registrar General's functions. Now, the strong positions at Ders Boyun, the whatever may be said against some of hilly ridge directly in front of Erzeroum, the functions imposed upon the Protector are in the possession of the Russians. of Chinese, one of the most useful duties The Turks were said to be in too few which has been performed by this office Inumbers to fully man the works, the is that of receiving, translating and Russians succeeding in breaking through forwarding native petitions to H. E. the their centre. Erzeroum itself can hardly Governor. To enable the office to acquit afford much protection to the Turkish itself of this duty, it was provided with troops, unless indeed Muktar Pasha liss the best translators, who, with the sid done more to its defences than is geneof the Registrar General himself (a rally supposed. The chief forbifestion Chinese specking English official of high was, at the commencement of the wat,

community and the Government, paving | Wr give below a precis of the Emigrathe way and smoothing the course of tion Convention recently entered into business when natives were immediately between China and Spain, and which interested. By one sweep of the pen- was ratified, on the part of the Chinese or probably not even so much as that Government, by an imperial edict issued this portion of the machinery of govern- or the 20th November. The Chinese ment is quietly put on one side, and the plenipotentiaries were five, of whom Executive at once assumes probably the Shen Kwai Fan, a junior member of most important part of the duties of one the Grand Secretariat, was the chief: of the special departments of the admin- the signatory for Spain was the Spanish

Clause 1. Repeals the emigration stiputo the effect that all Chinese petitions | lation in Art. 10 of the Spanish Treaty 1864. should be forwarded to him through the except so far as regards the harbouring of

> 2. Insamuch as the unsatisfactory relations respecting Chinese emigrants having now been removed, the Chinese demand for indemnity would be abandoned. 3. Free emigration alone is to be sanctioned, and any infraction of this stipulation on the part of captains of vessels and others

at the offender's country. Chinamen are to be treated in the same way as the people of the most favoured nation. 4. Chinese emigrants, whether males or females, shall be allowed freedom to emigrate wants, the appropriateness of assigning on their own account, and China must not this task, amongst others, to the new | put any obstacle in the way. The Chinese officials in all Treaty ports must allow yessels of every nationality to carry free emigrants to Cuba, and no obstacles must be

placed in the way of the departure of such 5. In order to ascertain whether the emito register themselves at the offices of the Chinese local authorities, who shall grant each a certificate, which is to be sent to the Spanish Consul at the Treaty Port for countersignature, and then handed to the emigrant. On arrival at Cuba, the certificate is to be sent by the local authorities to the be Chinese Consul there. Before the departure of an emigrant vessel from a port in Chins. Chinese officials in conjunction with deputed officers from the Spanish Consulate shall be allowed to go on board and make strict examination of each emigrant. If any one is found without a certificate, he shall be at once sent ashore. If on arrival at Cuba any emigrant is found without a certificate he shall be dealt with by the Spanish authorities in conjunction with the Chinese Consul. Before a vessel leaves a port in China, due notice must be given to enable a Chinese official being despatched on board to make the necessary examination. If a Captain neglects to do this, the departure of the ves-"by sel shall be delayed by the Spanish Consul rities, and the Captain dealt with according

to Spanish law. 6. Chinese Consuls shall be appointed at all places where Consuls of other countries closer the relations of the natives with are allowed, but the appointment of Chinese Consuls and other officers shall be subject to the conditions of the special agreement that has been come to between the two contracting powers. [This refers to the appointment of none but Chinese subjects as Consul &c. The Chinese Consul and officers so appointed shall be treated in the same way as similar officials of other countries, and they shall be allowed the exercise of their full powers as such officers for the protection of the Chinese

7. All Chinamen in Cuba shall be allowed free egress from that island save those who shall have committed arimes, otherwise they shall be allowed free liberty to trade or establish themselves in the Island and entitled to all the privileges mentioned in the 3rd Art. Regulations for the carrying out of this clause should be framed by the Spanish Authorities in conjunction with the Chinese Minister or the Consul General at Cuba... A permission to quit the island is to be supplied to each Chinese in Cuba in the same way as

people of other nations are supplied. 8. In prosecuting or defending cases in the Spanish Courts of Justice, the Chinese is to have free liberty to engage counsel in the same manner as people of other nations are allowed, and all Chinese who aver that they are suffering from wrongs which have been committed on them prior to the signing of this Convention, shall have the opportunity of redressing them in the Courts of Justice in the same way as for any that may be committed on them hereafter, and they shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as people of other nations.

9. The Chinese Consul General shall at once make regulations with the Spanish Authorities at Cuba for the registration of all Chinese emigrants now in or shall hereafter arrive, in Cuba, and a certificate of registration shall be given by the Consul General to each of the emigrants. The Authorities are to send a list of all Chinamen in Cuba and their locations without delay, so that the Chinese Consul General and his officers may be facilitated in their registration and enquiries as to the circum-

stances of the emigrants. 10. Vessels of every nationality conveying emigrants to Cuba, besides complying with the provisions of this Convention, shall conform to the law of the country to which she belongs in regard to the conveyance of passengers as to the sufficiency of necessary articles and sanitary rules. Any vessels not complying with this requirement shall be disqualified from carrying Chinese passengers.

11. Of the Chinese emigrants at present in Cubs. if any should belong to the literary or official class, or to the families of such classes. they must be returned to China forthwith at the expense of the Spanish Government: then forwarded to the Spanish Authorities, stantiated, they shall be returned to China by the Spanish Government. All the infirm are to be likewise returned to China at the expense of the Spanish Government, if they should express a wish to leave.

12. All time-expired emigrants are to be returned to China, and the Spanish Government undertakes to see this is done by the contracting masters. As to emigrants whose time of service has expired, and in whose contracts there is no obligation on the part of the owners to return them to Chink. they shall be sent back to China in the best manner that may be settled upon between the Spanish Authorities and the Consul General. All emigrants whose terms of service shall have expired by the time of ratification of this Convention shall have issued to them a certificate to that effect and shall be entitled to all the privileges mentioned in Art. I and shall be allowed wither to remain in the Island or leave it as ther please. 18. Chinese emigrants may be prohibited from resorting to places within the Island

where disturbance is existing, and these places shall be notified to the Consul General 14. Emerante whose terms of paryies shall

not have empired must fulfil their contracts,

but all Chinese emigrants who shall have arrived after the ratification of this Conshall be entitled to the same privileges as the time-expired men. emigrants now under detention in depots shall be at once set at liberty on the ratification of this Convention, and shall be entitled to the same privileges as other Chinese in the Island, except criminals or those who are to be tried for offences.

15. Twelve months' notice must be given for the revision of any of the provisions of this Convention. Chinese emigrants shall participate in all privileges and advantages. that may have been or be hereafter conferred on people of other nations.

be exchanged at Peking within eight months from the date of its approval by the sovereigns of both countries, This Convention was signed in duplicate in the French language, Spanish language and Chinese language, on the 17th November 1877.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route.)

London, 14th Dec., 1877. THE WAR.

Plevna.

Parliament has been prorogued until the journal of Saturday last. 17th of January 1878.

peace is impossible without British inter- | Gardens on Saturday was smaller than usual, vention.

has resolved to continue the war to the last | sum of \$100 was taken at the gates towards extremity : the speech from the throne at the reduction of the debt incurred by the Constantinople makes no mention of me- recent repairs to the Diocesan Home and diation.

form a Cabinet; after great difficulty M. | ing the proceedings, on one cocasion stop-Dulaure has succeeded in forming a new ping the performance of the Band. Cabinet.

London, Dec. 15th, 1877. Her Majesty the Queen visits Hughenden to day.

THE WAR.

A Russian attack on Erzeroum is imminent, and the British Consul there has left the piace, taking with him the archives of his post.

The Morning Post states that the Cabinet have had under their consideration a circular despatch from the Sublime Porte, intimating that Turkey is willing to accept the mediation of the European Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE delivery of the English Mail was begun at 0.40 p.m. yesterday.

A CHINESE passenger died yesterday on board the German S.S. Bellona shortly before she serived in port.

THE British Steamer Nemesis of London changed her colours on Saturday, and will in future be known as the Belgian S.S. Perusia of Anyers.

THE Portuguese Transport Africa has gone to the Cosmopolitan (Spratt's) Dock, and H.M.S. Andacious went round to Aberdeen Dock this afternoon.

THE Spanish brig Explorado swung foul of the American ship Colorado last night. The somment. brig's jibboom swept the Colorado's poop rail, carrying away awning stanchions and doing other damage of a minor nature.

THE three remaining patients in the Gaol Hospital from the result of the Yesso explosion have so far recovered that they were discharged from Hospital to-day, but they bore unmistakable marks of the terrible catastrophe.

On Saturday, F. Stewart, Egg., Govern- awakened the house-coolie, who raised an ment Inspector of Schools, held an Exa. alarm, when the burglar or burglars beat a mination, lasting nearly six hours, of the hasty retreat, and up to the present St. Stephens' Church School, Talpingshan. | moment, no trace of their whereabouts Sixty-two boys were presented in Standards | has been found. The Police have been I. to VI., of whom 52 (or 84 per cent) communicated with, and it is expected that passed satisfactorily.

From the Jornal das Colonias, a Lisbon paper, dated 18th October last, we learn that in the Port of Vellas (Azores) a sealed bottle was picked up, containing a piece of paper with the following words: "6th February 1877, steamer Gellert, Captain Bahrend, in (illegible) sea, all lost. 23

THE Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.80 p.m.

Overture,......Semiramide,......Rossini. Selection,..... Zampa Herold.

WE are glad to learn that Mr A. G. Romano, who has lately been supersoded as Acting Consul-General for Portugal in Hongkong by means of some underhand influences, has been elected President of the Club Lusitano for the year 1878. It would thus appear that Mr Romano still retains, in a pre-eminent degree, the confidence and respect of his fellow-countrymes resident in this Colony.

of the people.

THE Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court will be held to-morrow. The business will be heavy, as there are no less than 16. Ratifications of this Convention shall | thirty cases on the Calendar, including the manslaughter case against the engineers of the Yesso. A special day will be fixed for hearing it and probably a Special Jury will be called.

In regard to the letter of "Billous Billy" appearing in the China Mail of Saturday we are requested by Messrs De Souza & Co. to state that the dollar for the express was returned at the time to the Postmaster General, from whom no doubt it can be A Cabinet Council has been held to-day obtained, and handed over to the Diocesan to consider the consequences of the fall of Home and Orphanage Fund. It appeared under "Unclaimed Correspondence" in this

Mr Gathorne Hardy has declared that Although the attendance in the Public de vaisseau; M. M. Joannet, Lieut. owing no doubt mainly to the unsatisfactory The Turkish Supreme Council of State appearance of the weather, yet the large Orphanage. This anm, considering the entrance fee was fixed at ten cents, is a M. Batble has announced his inability to very creditable one. Rain fell twice dur-

THE Rev. J. C. Edge preached in Union Church yesterday morning, and delivered an address in the evening, at which services collections were made on behalf of the London Missionary Society's Schools in Hongkong. The rev. gentleman, after sketching very clearly the position of the Education problem at home, contended that it had been most satisfactorily solved in this Colony by Servia has declared war against Turkey. | the adoption of the secular system in Government Schools and by a grant-in-aid scheme for all religious donominations who cared to abide by certain simple rules. About \$65 were collected to assist the Mission Schools.

> Ar the Marine Court to-day, Joseph Morris, a seaman belonging to the British ship Oneida, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on board his vessel. Defendant simply admitted the offence, and was sentenced to 7 days' hard labour.

John Dejohn, a seaman belonging to the British barque Alexandra, was charged with refusing duty. Defendant had been imprisoned before for a similar offence, and now told the Harbour Master that he would not work any more. He was sentenced to 12 weeks' hard labour, at order of the

Koon Achii, a seaman belonging to a ballast boat, was charged with throwing ballast into the Harbour; he admitted the offence, and was fined \$1 or 4 days' impri-

An attempt at burglary was committed on the house of Mr Brereton, at the Albany, on Sunday morning, the 16th instant, about 8 o'clock. The burglar or burglars had succeeded in opening the windows of the drawing-room by unbolting two panes of glass from the glass window. Probably the noise of the above operations something further will be heard of this

the year is looked upon as a bad omen by the Chinese, and we must say the high temtime is almost without parallel in the meteorological history of the Colony, the thermometer having ranged from 70 to 75 Hanbury has been so active, has yet been | \$2 or 7 days' hard labour, degrees Farenheit within the last few days. The Chinese prognosticate that a sgainst the opinions of men who have bad year will follow, and the corent practical experience in China and who reason they give for it is this, that Selection, Attilla, Verdi, severe c ld may be expected at the time seems a pity that the Hongkong Chamber Valse,..... Loved and Lost,..... Muller. when rice seed should be sown, which would interfere with the health of the young to have been heard a few days ago, while the appearance of a rainbow in the sky on more than one occasion within the last few days greatly aid Chiness superstitious predilections. Native astrologers say that the realization of Spring weather in the middle of Winter is always a bad

THE Inspector of Schools-F. Stowart, Esq.-has been employed to-day in the The price of rice is rising in Hongkong examination of the London Mission School owing to the searcity of supply. We hear at Tal-ping-shan ; and the result has been [coling here, if the subject were brought the stock here is at present almost mil, and pre-eminently satisfactory. Forty-nine prominently before the public, would lead

pending arrivals from Saigon, higher prices boys were presented for examination. will have to to be looked for. Canton, from and of this number forty-six passed. all accounts, does not seem to be much In the first three standards all who better, as the stock there is said to be very were presented passed—one failed in the limited. The Howsaug imported some fourth, one in the fifth, and one in 3,000 piculs, but that quantity is a mere the sixth standard. In the first standard bagatelle in comparison to the requirements no one failed in anything. In the second standard there was the same result. In the sented for examination, four failed, each in one subject only, which does not disqualify them for the Grant. In the three remaining standards seventeen boys were presented three boys each failed in two of the subjects in which they were examined, and thus failed to come up to the standard required by the code. This school has thus gained the honorable distinction of doing better than any school has yet done since the establishment of the Grant-in-ald scheme.

> THE French sloop-of-war Cosmao, Captain Dumas-Venie, arrived here this afternoon from Singapore, and saluted the port, and the flag of Vice Admiral Hillyar; both which salutes were duly responded to. The following is a list of her officers :-

M. Dumas-venie, Capt. de valsseau ; M. Lambal, Capt. de frigat ; M. Pere, Lieut. vaisseau; M. Leygue, enseignide vaisseau M. Le Grand, médecin de le classe : M. Le Bozes, aide-commissaire; M. Dezes, aspirant de la classe ; M. de St. Pierre, aspirant de le classe; M. Cotiguy, aspirant de le classe; M. Mercos, aide-medecin.

THE L. & O. Express states that the Hon Mrs. Grosvenor has met with an acciden while hunting by her horse falling. Grosvenor, although badly bruised, is not dangerously hurt.

THE Army and Navy Gazette says :- In the recent arrangements for a series of recommissions on the China Station, no attention was given to the case of the Curlew. date of commission at Hong Kong December 1, 1874, and Admiralty officials may possibly imagine that her crew has not yet had three years of foreign service. But If we remember rightly, the crew was sent out from England in the summer of 1874, so that even if a relief had been sent by the Tamar, the Curlew's ship's company would have been nearly four years away before they were once more amongst their friends. The only explanation we can suggest for this omission is, that it may be the intention of the Admiralty to order the Curlew home to pay off, and as she left England so long ago as April, 1871, she most probably requires a thorough overhaul by this time.

> CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME. (From our London Correspondent.) London, 9th Nov., 1877.

The hitch in the despatch of the Embassy

o Berlin still continues. Your readers will remember that some time ago, when it was first given out that there would be some delay, the reason assigned was that the Emperor of Germany had not yet returned to Berlin. This reason has long ago ceased to exist; and it is therefore evident that the delay arises from some other cause, labour as a rogue and vagabond. and I have good reason for believing that it comes in some form or another from China, whence I understand some important documents have still to arrive. Mr Brown, who has been spoken of as Secretary, will I am told only take the position of Attaché, as he still continues in the Customs' Service, which it would probably not be very wise to exchange for the somewhat shaky tenure of any appointment in a Chinese Embassy in Europe. I believe that the Chinese Government intend to adhere with respect to these Missions to their rule | cealed under a bed with the evident intent of not allowing any official to remain longer than three years at a given post. This is of course a mistake, as the reasons—such as they are—which make such a rule desirable in China do not exist in any form in Europe. In China, a given official might, by staying | near the Harbour Master's Office, and fined in a particular place, acquire an amount of 50 cents or 2 days' imprisonment. local influence which to a Government so weak as that of Peking, might seem dangerous. But no such thing can occur here, the shutters of the venetians, and removing seeing how much the Chinese must of necessity be separated from the mass of the people. The Chinese Mandarins will, how. ever, he slow to perceive this, and it seems likely that they will make the silly mistake of withdrawing their representatives just clently to be of some real service. I am informed that the London Committee

actively engaged in getting up their memorial to the Government against the ratifica- the second \$2 or 4 days' imprisonment, tion of the Chefoo Convention in its present form; and it is probable that they will be backed up by representations from the country. The point to which exception be sick by tising a white cloth round hi taken will no doubt be the clause with re- | was not begging. Bergt. Mackie said that sent in ; but I should doubt whether it will weigh much with the Government represent a large portion of the trade there, as does the Shanghai Chamber. It of Commerce have been silent, as a representation from them would no doubt have had considerable weight. There is great kind officially before the Government here chiefly on account of there being no London Chamber of Commerce, There is a great bongress of Chambers held in London annually, but London itself has no such

Hongkong with reference to the flogging to 21 days hard labour. question has caused great sorprise among all ex-Hongkong residents here. The point they seem isset able to comprehend is how a system so critel as that described by Dr Ayres can possibly have been going on for Foars without any protest being made against it. It seems impossible to avoid the conclusion that that gentleman has generalised too rapidly. Of course the

to the humanitarian side of the question; of her grand-child, which was now in the some Ashbu Kheyls killed, many woundbut it is likely that the Colonial Office will possession of another woman named To ed. deal with the matter quietly; and I should Akwai, who it appears purchased it for \$26. scarcely think they are likely, in view of from its parents who had gone to California the very definite opinions expressed, to The woman agreed to let the child be order the abolition of this wholesome de- redeemed.

Some rather curious telegrams are finding their way into the American papers to Mr May to bind over three men, named with reference to Hongkong. From what respectively Chan Afuk, Li Achan, and is stated in them it would appear almost as | Tsang Asan, who he said were necessary third standard, sixteen boys being pre- though a revolution were pending in the witnesses in an important case. Mr May Colony on account of Governor Hennessy's ordered them to each find security in one measures. It is stated in the New York householder for \$25, to appear on the 20th Times that a protest is to be made to the British Government. What this may mean is not quite clear; but it is evident that your Governor's Barbadoes reputation has not been forgotten and that people are expecting something similar to take place. It is to be hoped in the interests of all that matters will not reach this pass, as there is probably no Colony in the for the preparation and sale of opium came world where so much barm would be on again to-day; and as the prisoners were worked, or where the effects produced unable to substantiate the statements they would be more lasting, from anything like | made on Friday, Mr May fined them each a failure of due authority on the part of the \$250, or three months hard labour, Governor. The Chinese are unruly enough | portion of the fine to be paid, and the opium without this, and it will be difficult to keep to be confiscated and handed over, to the them in order if their respect for authority. Opium Farmer. be thus diminished.

The recent Blue Books on China are noticeable in their very distinct bearing upon the opium trade. If the Government be not sufficiently primed up by the reports from the various Consuls to take their stand, even without the views of the Indian Government, it is difficult to know what will ever enable them to be so. It is clearly pany. The complainant was changing shown that the cultivation in China of late years has not only not been kept under but has been encouraged; Kwo, the Chinese Minister here, states that revenue is obtained by the Provincial Authorities out of the oplum thus cultivated, and it is further shown that its quality is being improved so that it is likely to compete more severely than before with the Indian Drug. Why under these circumstances we should be called upon not only to leave China free to collect whatever inland duties she likes upon Indian Opium, but to help her to do so, which is what the Chefoo Convention points to, must puzzle everybody but members of the Anti-Opium Society to say. The extraordinary thing is that this is one of the questions which a section of the British public thinks can be decided upon purely abstract grounds and without being bothered by such annoying things as facts.

> Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting). Dec. 17th, 1877.

DRUNKS AND CHAIR. Andrew Dryburgh, carpenter, belonging o the S. S. Nemesis, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire, and fined 50 cents and to pay 40 cents chair

Thomas Hicks, a seaman belonging to the same steamer, was fined \$1 and to pay 75 cents amends for being drunk, refusing to pay chair hire, and breaking the chair,

A REGULAR BAD UN. Mauuel Gomes, a cook unemployed, was charged with being found lying drunk under a verandah in Queen's Read Central. Indian Constable (No. 665), who arrested the defendant, stated that he had been several times charged with drunkenness and destitution, and his passage was once paid to Macao. Defendant stated, in defence that he was destitute and expected to get employment as a watchman at Aberdeen

Mr May sentenced him to 14 days' har

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION. Chan Achung, a gardener, was fined 20 shillings or 14 days hard labour for being in possession of a few pieces of atone, which he had taken from a quarry-man's shed, the property of the Government.

DRAR LODGING. Wong Ai and Wan Atak, farmer, and hawker, respectively, were sent to four months hard labour for being found conof committing a felony.

Chan Ang, a coolie, was charged with gambling in company with several others.

DISORDORLY. Un Akwan and Tam A.in, ricepounders, were charged with fighting and creating disturbance in Market Street. 1st defend aut stated that he was only skylarking with that 2nd defendant, and he got angry and struck him with his shoes; the 2nd defendant said this was false, the 1st defendant when they have been here long enough to picked his pocket and stole \$2. The begin to be acquainted with affairs suffi- arresting constable (No. 279), recalled, said nothing was said about this before, he (the Constable) understood that they were of the Shanghal Chamber of Commerce are fighting about gambling. Mr Russell fined the first \$1 or 2 days imprisonment and

Chan Atak, a coolie, was charged wi THE unusual warm weather at this time of leading Chambers of Commerce in the begging from a foreigner and pretending to will most probably be more particularly head. Defendant said he was sick, but perature in so close proximity to Christmas ference to Lekin which the more it is he saw the defendant sitting down in Bonstudied, the more absurd does it appear. ham Road, and he then had a cloth round I have not yet heard whether the opposi- his head and similated sickness; but he tion memorial, in regard to which Mr appeared strong and able to work. Fined

PUGILISTS Leong Achin and Tung Awai, fishmonger and hawker respectively, were charged with fighting in Lascar Row; the 1st defendant was bleeding from the nose. Fined 50 cents each or 2 days hard labour.

Li Apiu, a coolie, was sont to 3 months hard labour for stealing a pipe from dwelling house value \$2.00. He threw away the pipe before he was caught.

ANOTHER UNSUCCESSION THIRE. Wong Ahip, a coolie, was charged with attempting to steal some firewood which The warm discussion which has arisen in was stacked outside a pawnshop, and sent

STILL ABOTHER.

Ohan Afrik, a coolie, was catight in the act of stealing a blind, which he had co from a chair belonging to a gentleman residing at Alexandra Terrace. Mr May sent him to a months hard labour.

LOST AND POUND AGAIN. Mok Aping, a married woman, made an

Inspector Cradock made an application

BERACH OF ORDINANCE FOR THE PREPARA-TION AND BALE OF PREPARED OPIUM.

The remanded case in which Luk Atsung, a coolle, and Chung Akwan, a farmer, were charged with a breach of the Ordinance

DARING BOBBERY.

Wong Afuk, a hawker, was charged with stealing \$25 in notes from the person of Mr Alex Amdaor da Silva, a clerk residing at Queen's Road East, and employed the Patent Slip and Dock Comnote at a money-changer's when he fel some one pull at his pocket, and looking round observed the prisoner running away. Complainant pursued him, and he (prisoner) was stopped by Chinese Constable (No. 254), the notes being picked up on the payement. Several previous convictions were proved againt the defendant, all of which he admitted to be correct He declined to make any defence, but said he would rather die than be sent to the Supreme Court. Mr Russell committed the prisoner for trial.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. &. O. Co.'s steamer Geelong Captain C. Fraser, with the London mails of the 9th November, arrived here yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.) Bombay, Nov. 20 .- A special London telegram to the Bombay Gasette says that Kars was captured after 12 hours' fighting. 5,000 Turks were killed and wounded 10,000 prisoners and 300 cannon were taken. The Russian loss was 2,700. Erzeroum is endangered.

London, Nov. 27 .- The Russians have captured Etropol, south of Vratza. Russians have captured the imprognable clear month before them, -so that, if the position of Provitz, near Orchanie, after a forty-eight hours' march through an in- ample time for preparation, and, despite trifling. It is reported that the Turks have abandoned Orchanie.

been very ill, is reported slightly better. Madura, Nov. 28 .- The appearance of the crops along the railway route from Tuticorin, is splendid. Rain has fallen and is still falling heavily, and the only danger now is that there may be too much.

London, Nov. 28.—Suleiman Pasha is advancing with success on Metchka, situated about ten miles from Rustchuk. The Servian militia abroad have been ordered to join their respective regiments by the 80th instant, when the proclamation of Servian independence is expected.

London. Nov. 28 .- A Russian official despatch has been received, which states that the Turks have experienced a defeat at Metchka and have been compelled to fall back. Constant skirmishes are taking place between Suleiman Pasha's outposts and those of the Czarewitch. According to the latest news to hand the Russians apparently intend to re-cross the Balkans. The Daily Telegraph confirms the report that the Turks are evacuating Orchanie, but adds that they will hold the Orchanie

Paris, Nov. 29.—Marshal MacMahon has had an interview with M. Jules Grevy. during which he evinced a disinclination to conciliate, and said he never contemplated

London, Nov. 29 .- A despatch has been received from Ghazi Mukhtar, dated Erzeroum, November 25th, stating that the Russians still maintained their positions before that city, but that operations were suspended in consequence of severe weather. there being three feet of mow on the ground. Lord Derby, in replying to a denutation which waited on him yesterday, said that he differed from the prevalent opinion that the Euphrates Valley route was the true route to India. England, he Calcutta. said, had no reason to depart from the Shanghal demand, 721 neutral attitude she bad assumed throughout the Turco-Russian war, and he contended that Constantinople was not in imminent danger, nor was the Suez Canal at all menaced. His Lordship then said that the British Navy could not go to Constantinople unless the Porte first sanctioned such a step, and that as regards mediation, should occasion offer, England would not lose the opportunity.

Calcutta, Nov. 29 .- The Viceroy and suite arrived at half-past-five this afternoon, all well. The East Indian Railway Volunteers formed a guard of honour a the Howrah station, and the Calcutta Volunteers, numbering over 450, at Government House. London, Nov. 80 .- The Russian press

advocates the retention of Kars. The report current that the Russians will accept an armistice after the fall of Pleyna is semi-officially denied. Calcutta, Nov. 20. - Three days' rain have delayed operations against the Jowakis.

Seven Jowski towers were blown down on Saturday. The troops at Cherat will not be withdrawn at present, owing to the Calcutta, Nov. 22,-News having been received at Fort Mackeson of an intended

raid of Jowakis towards Shumshulton. Captains Swiney and Trotter started with 15 cavalry and 40 intentry. They met the elemy and exchanged shots. Captain Swiney withdrew to the open plain, when the Jowakis followed and charged. Captain Swiney out at and wounded an Afridi, who wounded him on the right arm, cutting an artery. Captain Swiney died in the evening from loss of blood. The Afrida was killed. No other casualties on our side. The Afridas loss six Jowanis and

Calcutta, Nov. 23.—The 20th Regiment of Punjab Infantry left Peshawar on Thursday, for Fort Mackeson. 400 men of the 9th Queen's leave to day. An elephant battery goes on Monday, when the whole force will attack the village Borse.

> Ohina, FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Dec. 6th.)

H. M. S. Moorhen, under command of Lieut.-Commander Carey, arrived from Amoy on the 29th ultimo. She will we believe, remain on this station for a short

The courier service between this port and Amoy ceased on the 30th ultimo, but will in all probability, be resumed next May. For the ensuing four or five months we shall consequently be dependent on the regular coast steamers for telegraphic advices from Europe. Two gentlemen in the employ of the

Netherlands Indian Government arrived in the Foreign Settlement a few days ago from Amoy, having travelled overland via Yenping. They describe the route as extremely picturesque, and speak in high terms of the friendly behaviour of the country people. The journey occupied about three weeks, including several detentions on the way, and was accomplished in great part by means of boat.

Extraordinary as the weather may be inother parts of the world there is no doubt that the cuffent autumnal season in Foochow has been, and continues to be, altogether exceptional. Instead of the bright azure sky and keen bracing air by which old Foochow residents were accustomed to identify this particular period of the year. we have been called upon to undergo an early edition of sodder, dank weather thoroughly characteristic of the freshe season with which most of us are so

unpleasantly familiar. On the early morning of Sunday last between two and three o'clock, an extensive fire broke out in the south-easten suburb. in the quarter immediately facing the river. About two hundred houses were burnt, in short, the entire block. The fire is supposed to have originated in one of the numerous gambling houses of the neighbourhood, but this is mere rumour; it is more probable that it was the work of incondiaries, to whom the prospect of loot is ever welcome. Barely twelve months have elapsed since the same quarter was destroyed by fire, so that this fresh disaster, with the intervening floods in June last. must be severely feit by the poorer inhabitants of the district.

The programme of the Winter Race Meeting has been published, and leaves nothing to be wished for. To judge from the number of first-class ponies already on the course we may fairly assume that there will be good fields, and that the numerous events will be well contested. Owing to the prevailing unfavorable weather, training Russian official despatch states that the is rather backward, but owners have yet a clerk of the weather relents, there will be accessible region. The Russian loss was envious sluggards, pleasant morning

We understand that some of the Euro-Rome, Nov. 27,-The Pope, who has pean engineers on board the Alphabetical gunboats at Mamoi Arsenal have resigned. For some time past we believe they have been dissatisfied with their position under Chinese officers—by whom it is stated they have been treated in a supercilious and inconsiderate manner. Quite recently we had occasion to draw attention to the social status (Chinese) of these sucking naval heroes, and, if our present information is correct, we feel fully justified in asserting a very generally accepted opinion as to the unfitness for command, especially over Europeans, of these self-sufficient and decidedly low-caste

Quotations.

offshoots of the Mamoi Arsenal School.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. OPIUM, New Patna, cash....\$630 Old Patns, cash,... None

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Hongkong, December 10, 1877. NOTION.

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H. DU POUEY, Hongkong, December 14, 1877.

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S. S. ESMERALDA, FROM AMOY AND MANILA.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-

No Fire Insurance has been effected. J. Y. V. SHAW.

Hougkong, December 13, 1877. de20 FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

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22nd Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. The Steamer having met with certain accidents during her voyage, Consignees will be required to sign an Average Agreement, which is lying at the Office of the Undersigned, before delivery of their Cargo can be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. State of Alabama. Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

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MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their wisk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

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Intimations.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 23 21st and 22nd December, 1877.

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FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, 21st DECKMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE,-1 P.M. unior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race. in China and Japan.

Second Race: 1:30 p.m. For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissloned Officers and Man of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigged Boats ex-

THIRD RACE, -2 P.M. The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One mile and a half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE, -2.30 P.M. For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE. -- 8 P.M. "LADIES' PURSE." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance One Mile. En-

SIXTH RACE. S.30 P.M. For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

BEVENTH BACE .- 4 P.M. International Race. "Challenge Cup"presented by the Merchants of Hongkong -for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. To de80 be won two consecutive years before being Distance One Mile. Entrance

SAILING RACE. For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second,

YAOHT RACE. For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 16 seconds per ton. Cup presented.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE. -1 P.M. For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile, Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and out-rigged Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE: -1.80 P.M. For House Boats of Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race, on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE, -2 P.M. Members Cup "-presented by Members of "The Victoria Recreation Club"for Four-Oared Canton Cutters, Distance One Mile and a half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup' excluded.

FOURTH RACE, -2, 30 P.M. For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One Mile. Entrance Al. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE -- 3 P.M. Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Parsee Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the 'Ladjes' Purse" excluded.

BIXTH RACK . 8.80 P.M. For Officers of H.M.S. Autobious against Fleet in harbour. Out presented by the Members of the Hotigkong Cinb, to be rowed in Canton Botile. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

BEVANTE RACE .- 4 P.M. "American Cupy" open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Pours. Distance One Mile. Entrance

SAMUE RACE. For all Open Hosts, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second,

TACHT RACE. For all Yeshts. Eptrance \$5. Time Allowed for Tonnage, Lb seconds per ton.
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CHUN AYIN, Manager,

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20th Instant. The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, &c. :--Wednesday, 19th Instant,-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night

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Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 20th Instant .-A.M., Post Office opens for sald of Stamps, Registry of Detters, and Posting of all correspondence, 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with

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